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Serial No. 09/729,926

Atty Dkt: 2504-394  
Art Unit: 2664

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Cancel claims 1 – 37 and 55 - 56 without prejudice or disclaimer.
2. Rewrite allowable claims 38, 39, 42 43, 45, 47, 50, 52, 53, and 57 as independent claims.
3. Amend the dependencies of claims 63 – 66, so that claims 63 and 64 depend from claim 38 and claims 65 and 66 depend from claim 57.
4. Amend other claims to moot the editorial objections thereto.

#### B. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Any additional claims fees necessitated by this Amendment are indicated on the attached transmittal letter and are paid by an accompanying check. A Request for Extension of Time and accompanying check is also simultaneously filed herewith. Should the transmittal letter, request for extension of time, not be found, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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